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APPARATUS INCLUDING A GUARD
MEMBER HAVING A PASSAGE WITH A
NON-CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION FOR
PROVIDING PROTECTED ACCESS TO THE
SPINE (as amended)

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendment 6-2-04

Application No. 09/991,579
Amendment dated June 2, 2004

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

--Apparatus Including A Guard Member Having A Passage With A Non-Circular Cross
Section For Providing Protected Access To The Spine~~For Inserting Spinal Implants - - .~~